DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM ON ANDHRA PRADESH, SEA COAST

3097. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Tourism along the sea coast of Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No specific proposal has been received by the Department of Tourism from the State Government for the development of Tourism along the sea coast of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

PROPOSAL TO CONTROL PRICE OF AIR TRAVEL

3098. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to find ways and means to reduce the cost of travelling or Indian Airlines.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any suggestions hae been obtained from the travelling public in thi regard ;

(d) what steps Indian Airlines propose to control the price of air travel ; and

(e) whether large salary bill and perquisites are the main reasons for high cost of travel by Indian Airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Domestic air fares in India are already low in comparison to those of other countries.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Indian Airlines has taken steps to control cost of operations and other unproductive expenditure so that increase in the price of air trael could be checked. Indian Airlines also provides concession in fare under schemes such as Point-to-Point fares, Fly More Fly Free, Group Discounts, Domestic package tours.

(e) The main reasons are the high cost of fuel and high aircraft related payments, which are to be made in foreign currency.

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PLACES IN EASTERN GHATS

3099. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have encouraged different States to Identify and develop potenial tourist place in the Eastern Ghats ;

(b) whether it is a fact that ARAKU Valley in Andhra Pradesh has excellent prospects for tourism ; and

(c) whether Government will give any assistance to Andhra Pradesh Government to develop ARAKU Valley as a place of tourist attraction ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has not submitted any proposal for development of tourism in Araku Velley of the State.

IDENTIFICATION OF MODEL AIRPORTS

3100. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Airports Authority has identified model airports befitting the international standards to attract international tourists ;

(b) if so, the details of the model airports identified for the said purpose ;

(c) whether the funds are inadequate for the expansion of airports; and

(d) if so, how much allocations have been made for the Eighth Five Year Plan period for the expansion of the airports ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The airports at Nagpur, Indore, Vadodara, Bhubaneswar Patna, Lucknow, Jaipur, Hyderabad. Coimbatore, Calicut, Guwahati and Imphal are

being developed by National Airports Authority (NAA) as model airports. Under the model airports scheme space is being earmarked for Immigration and Customs clearance at the airports so as to facilities operation of chartered flights carrying foreign tourists.

(c) and (d) In the Eight Plan, NAA has proposed an outlay of Rs. 835 crores for development of their airports. This includes Rs. 196 crores for model airports.

निजी विमान कम्पनियों द्वारा वायु यात्रा कर जमा न कराया जाना

3101. **श्री शारदा महन्ती :**
श्री सोमपाल :
श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान :
डा० बापू कालदाते :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री 9 दिसम्बर को राज्य सभा में आतारांकित प्रश्न 898 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) कौन-कौन सी निजी विमान कम्पनियां राजकोष में विमान यात्रा कर जमा नहीं करा रही है और इसके कारण अब तक कुल कितने राजस्व की हानि हुई है ;

(ख) इन विमान कम्पनियों द्वारा अंतर्देशीय विमान यात्रा कर की वसूली किया जाना कहा तक उचित है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ।

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से और (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN TOURISTS IN THE COUNTRY

3102. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of foreign tourists who arrived in the country during the years, 1991-92 and 1992-93 ;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned from the tourists arrival during the said period ; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange spent on tourism publicity during the said period ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Total number of foreign tourists arrived in the country, the amount of foreign exchange earned from them and the budget provided for tourism publicity abroad during 1991-92 and 1992-93 are as given below :—

	1991-92	1992-93
Foreign tourists arrived	17,81,892	18,20,239
Amount of foreign exchange earned (Rs. crores)	3318.62	3989.50
Budget provided for publicity abroad (Rs. Crores)	28	40

FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISIT BY THE OFFICIALS OF THE AI, IA AND VAYUDOOT

3103. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of officers/executives rank-wise who were sent abroad or who visited various parts of the country for promotion of business in respect of Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot during 1992-93 ;

(b) what are the names of the countries/places visited by them for the purpose ;

(c) what is the expenditure incurred on them on account of Air ticket, lodging and boarding and local travel expenses in the countries/places of their visit ; and

(d) what is the achievement made in relation to the expenditure incurred by Government on their trips ?